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May 21, 2009

TO: Department Heads
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FROM: Jim Williams, Administrator 

SUBJECT: Extension of EUTF Benefit Plans and Rates through August 31, 2009

This is to follow up on previous notices regarding actions by the EUTF Board of Trustees to cancel the open enrollment period that had been scheduled for May 18 – June 12, 2009, to extend current benefit plans for active employees and retirees through July 31, 2009, to approve rates for all benefit plans through July 31, 2009, and to authorize me to conduct a limited special open enrollment period for hardship cases.

At its meeting of May 20, 2009, the **EUTF Board approved extension of current benefit plans with the same (as July) revised rates through August 31, 2009.** The rates, including the employer/employee contributions for the respective bargaining units, previously transmitted also are extended through August 31, 2009. As previously noted, I have been advised by the mayors of Hawaii, Maui, Kauai, and the City and County of Honolulu that they will make a separate determination regarding the employer contribution rate for their counties' HGEA, UPW, and non-bargaining unit employees.

The special limited open enrollment currently underway until June 12, 2009 will apply to August, as well as July. The EUTF will not conduct another special limited open enrollment.

On behalf of the EUTF, thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

c: Board of Trustees